# 10-Steps to Retail Success, part 1 (1-3)

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#### Introduction: Who am I?

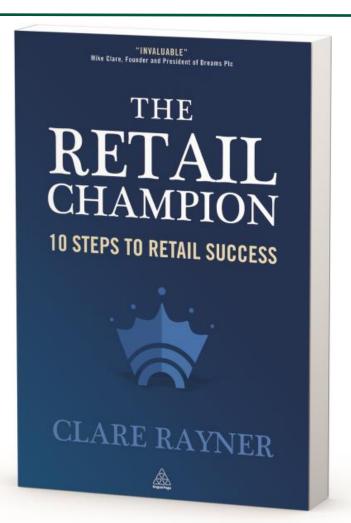
- Family of entrepreneurs for over 150 years
- Started "on my own" in 2006, after 15 years in retail, hospitality & leisure businesses
- Author of : "The Retail Champion: 10-steps to Retail Success" & "How to Sell to Retail"
- "Retail expert" contributor for media: TV, Radio and press
- Right now my time is spent helping businesses recover from the impact of covid, and, in preparing for the "new normal"...



#### What we will cover today: 1-3 of 10-Steps to Retail Success

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- Identifying your Ideal Customer



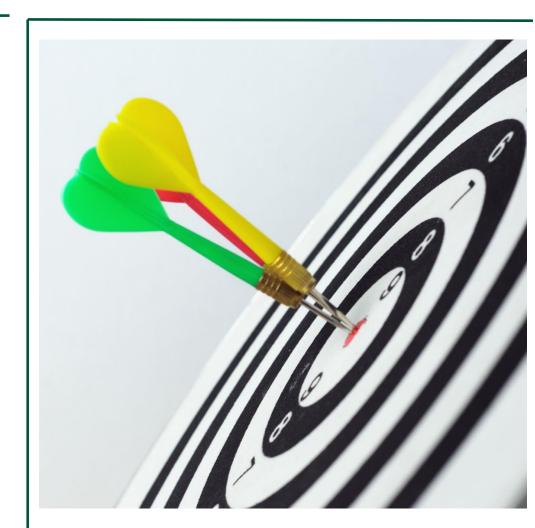
# Why 10-Steps?

- Robust: Easy-to-follow, "fool proof" processes.
- Repeatable: Can be done to a consistent standard, time and again, replicating what your customers expect from you
- Processes & Systems: Day to day actions, transactions and analysis done to deliver the customer promise
- Scalable: Very important; growing your business without YOU becoming a bottleneck!
- Saleable: Ultimate endorsement of your success your business has a value in the eyes of an outsider.



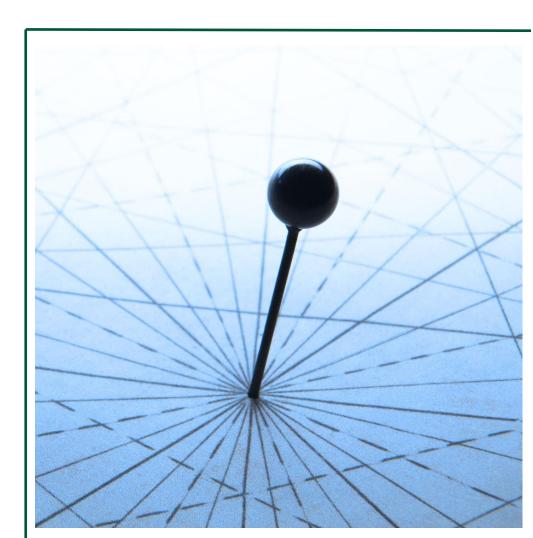
# **Step 1: Goal and Mission**

- Personal and business goals are not the same; but they are linked
- Business goals help you to define your direction and targets
- Values & Beliefs define your culture
- Your mission clearly states:
  - What you offer
  - Who you offer it to
  - Your service proposition
  - The outcome for your customer



# **Step 2: Positioning**

- How you are considered relative to your competitive set
  - Be realistic about competitive set
- 4 key elements to your positioning
  - Product, Price, Presentation, Service
  - Use the "arrows" to decide yours



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In a nutshell – you want all your arrow in the same direction!

#### **My Positioning Mantra**

- Your positioning is the outward representation of your brand to anyone who notices it.
- Through your positioning your brand makes promises, implied or explicit, to your customers. These promises lead to expectations.
- If you then fail to live up to those expectations you will have created a customer service failure.

# **Step 3: Ideal Customer**

- Create a persona, an individual, an imaginary friend
- Counter-intuitive to focus on 1 unique individual but it works
  - Think about people like them, wannabe's and hasbeens!
  - Marketing is more engaging when written in an interpersonal style
- Select ranges, price points, promotions and locations that "fit" your ideal customer



#### Don't make a BIG mistake. Big. Huge.



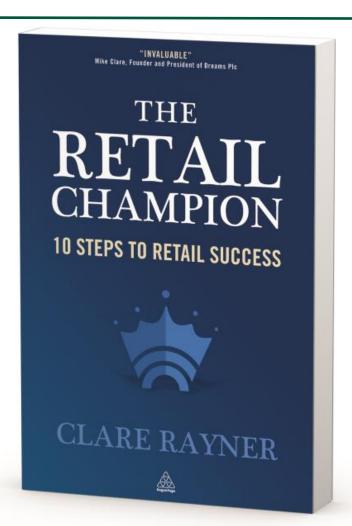


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Use the actions to help you focus on the topics and watch part 2, which is all about your products, pricing and channels to market!



# Thank you for listening

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